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are no cases of yellow fever or other quarantinable diseases, and the sanitary condition of the port is fairly good. Health certificates were issued to 14 passengers.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: August 23, American steamship *Esperanza*, with general cargo, 91 officers and crew, and 25 passengers, New York, via Havana; British steamship *Ravensdale*, with general cargo, 20 officers and crew, and 1 passenger, New York. August 27, British steamship *Capello*, with general cargo, 34 officers and crew, New Orleans. August 28, Spanish steamship *Otanes*, 33 officers and crew, New Orleans; Norwegian steamship *Baggrey*, with sisal, 17 officers and crew, New Orleans.

During the past week *La Revista de Merida* reported 3 deaths from yellow fever, but made no reference to the number of cases in the city.

Respectfully,

EDWARD T. HARGRAVE,
Acting Assistant Surgeon.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

Report from Tampico—Water supply and sewerage system to be established.

TAMPICO, MEXICO, September 1, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith an abstract of the bills of health issued at this office for the week ended August 30, 1902:

During this period there was recorded in the office of the juez civil a total of 16 deaths, as follows: Malaria, 6; tuberculosis, 4; pneumonia, 1; gastro-intestinal, 2; miscellaneous, 3.

For the month of August there were recorded in all 57 deaths, of which just about 40 per cent were due to malarial poisoning.

The long talked of public water supply and sewerage system for Tampico are about to be realized; contracts have been signed and work is about to begin on both. The sewerage system is planned to ultimately cover the entire city, but at present only about 50 per cent of the city's area will be sewered. This area, however, contains about 80 per cent of Tampico's population. An ample water supply is to be provided. The water is to be taken from the Tamese River, 22 kilometers from the city where a reserve basin of a capacity of 190,000,000 liters is to be excavated. From this basin the water will be pumped to a distribution reservoir of concrete masonry to have a capacity of about 2,000,000 liters from which the water is to be piped direct to the city, a distance of about 1 kilometer. The system is calculated to provide 227 liters of water per unit of population.

Respectfully,

JOS. GOLDBERGER,
Assistant Surgeon.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

Report from Vera Cruz.

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, August 25, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report for the week ended August 23: From all causes there were reported 51 deaths. Twenty-two cases and 12 deaths were reported from yellow fever. No sickness has appeared among the shipping or among the passengers leaving this port.

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Respectfully,

S. H. HODGSON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon.

The SURGEON GENERAL.